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Dear Jim.

Books have a limited shelf life. Some also face problems getting into stores. If they are to do any good they of course have to be on sale and theh people have to know that they exist. So I am troubled that you have not yet held the press conference on NEVER AGAIN! you promised. With this the fourth month since publication.

I am troubled in a diff4rent way by the ARRB announcment that it is going to try to get the CIA to disclose the names of its informers and soufces in some of the disclosed records. You appear to have joined Newman in that demand and I suppose you see what I cannot see, how that will tell us more about the assassination. I can see how that can enable ARRB to pretend it has done what it is supposed to do when it has not. And how in one of the more stupid and impossible assassination myths CD 1359 figures in this. And how all involved in this utter irrationality have come to believe that Oswald was the assassin, indispensible in it.

There is little point in comparing this worse than rubbish with the content of NEVER AGAIN! and the legitimate pressures attention to it can bring to bear to lead to the effort to disclose what does relate to the assassination and its investigations because that seems to be what is least in mind from the available record.

Basic in these imagined, really invented and baseless aspects of Oswald in Mexico, and in particular as Newman has it at several points in his book, is that Castro had to use Duran's alleged sexual favors to "keep" Carlos Lechuga "in line."

That, no doubt, is why Castro so feared for his loyalty that with the Cuba Missile Crisis upcoming at the UN he made Lechuga ambassador to the UN. Without Duran.

I've been given a copy of Lechuga's "In the Eye of the Storm." It was published in Australia but if you do not have it The Last Hurrah Bookstore has it for less than the Texas JFK Lancer people. If you have not read it you may want that reflection of how sorely troubled Castro was about Lechuga's loyalty.

Meanwhile, I'd like to hear from you when you will have the press conference.

And I do hope that at some point you will rethink what you are part of and what it does and can mean - and will.

Best

Harold